

Wolfe SB374

My name is Tamara Wolfe, I am a former public school teacher who is currently homeschooling her five children. I am writing to inform you of my opinion of proposed bill number 374.

Both as a teacher and mother I urge you not to support any bill of this sort. Requiring all children to undergo any type of mental assessment without due cause infringes upon our rights protected under the fourth and fifth amendments. If bills like these are passed they significantly limit a parent's ability and right to be the primary educators and decision makers of their children. A bill like this also presumes that your child is a candidate for mental illness. Furthermore it is discriminatory under the law due to the fact that private school children are not included in this bill.

I don't know of any parent who would want their child subjected to unwarranted mental assessments. These tests can be extremely subjective. Often in court cases psychological evaluation by different assessors can vary greatly in their interpretation and recommendations. In conclusion this is certainly not an answer to the bigger problem of violence in our society.

Sincerely,
Tamara Wolfe